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The applicant inquired about the status of the prosecution. The most recent office action summary stated that the action was final, however, the body of the office action did not include the form paragraph stating that the action was final. The examiner checked the status and informed the applicant that the rejection was a final rejection as noted on the summary sheet.

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